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Title : A METHOD FOR SETTING A PROCESS FOR THE  
MANUFACTURE OF SEALING SEAMS  
Att'y Docket : 20496-363

Attached please find the following:

- 1) A Preliminary Amendment Filed November 19, 2002
- 2) Copy of the Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0192447

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Group Art Unit 1734

Application of:	Günther SCHUBERT, et al.
Filed:	January 22, 2002
Serial No.	10/053,773
Title	METHOD FOR SETTING A PROCESS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF SEALING SEAMS

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O.Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

As per telephone conversation of April 30, 2003 with the undersigned, attached please find a copy of a previously submitted Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified patent application. The Preliminary Amendment was filed on November 19, 2002 and was entered in the above-identified patent application as reflected in the Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0192447A1 published on December 19, 2002. However, the Office Action dated April 9, 2003 does not acknowledge the Preliminary Amendment of November 19, 2002.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the reissue of a new Office Action reflecting the entry of such Preliminary Amendment.

Respectfully submitted  
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Attached: Preliminary Amendment (November 19, 2002); Published Application

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4264

APPLICANTS Günter Schubert et al.APPLICATION NO. 10/053,773

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RECEIPT IS HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGED OF THE  
Preliminary Amendment [Remarks (9 pp), Substitute Specification (12 pp), Marked-up  
Specification (13 pp), Claims (3 pp), Abstract (1 p), Marked-up abstract (1 p)];  
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November 19, 2002

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Application No.       :   10/053,773                   Confirmation No. : 4264

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For                         :   A METHOD FOR SETTING A PROCESS FOR THE  
                                  MANUFACTURE OF SEALING SEAMS

Group Art Unit       :   3626

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 2327  
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New York, New York 10020  
November 19, 2002

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith: ☒ a Preliminary Amendment;  
☐ a Response to Examiner's Action; ☐ a Supplemental  
Amendment; ☒ a substitute Specification; ☐ a Declaration;  
☐ a Supplemental Declaration; ☐ a Power of Attorney;  
☐ an Associate Power of Attorney; ☐ formal drawings; to be  
filed in the above identified patent application.

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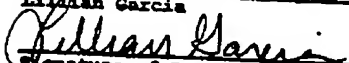


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